

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

April 22, 2020

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

2020-50-E

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2020-50-E - Request of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated to Decrease Its Rate Rider Related to Pension Costs from \$0.00033 to (\$0.00017) Per Kilowatt Hour - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated's Request to Decrease Its Rate Rider Related to Pension Costs from \$0.00033 to (\$0.00017) Per Kilowatt-Hour.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Dominion Energy is requesting to decrease its rate rider related to pension costs from \$0.00033 to (\$0.00017) Per Kilowatt-Hour. As Background, Order No. 2012-951 approved the Company's mechanism to recover its pension costs related to retail electric operations, and this Pension Rider is subject to annual true-up depending on conditions in financial markets and other factors. Since its creation in 2012, the Company has periodically petitioned the Commission to adjust the Pension Rider to ensure that it is collecting sufficient funds from its ratepayers to maintain the proper balance in the fund. Since the last adjustment to the Company's Pension Rider in Docket No. 2017-56-E, the prior under-collected balance of pension costs has been eliminated and the utility states it is over-collecting with current actuarial estimates reflecting a decrease in pension costs. The Company projects there will be an over-collection of pension costs of approximately \$11 million by April 2021 if the currently approved Pension Rider is not reduced.

The Office of Regulatory Staff has reviewed the Company's proposal and 2019 actuarial report. According to ORS, the current actuarial estimates reflect a decrease in pension costs, resulting in the requested decrease to the Company's Pension Rider. Based on its review, Dominion's proposal is in accordance with the Order, and ORS does not object to the Company's Request to decrease the Pension Rider as requested.

ORS recommends Dominion file quarterly updates with the Commission and ORS for a twelve-month period, in a format that is determined in collaboration with ORS on the balance of the Pension Rider and updated projections through April 2021. ORS maintains it will report to the Commission at the end of the twelve-month period, if ORS has additional recommendation for adjustments to the Pension Rider.

Move the Commission approve the Pension Rider with pension costs decreasing from \$0.00033 to (\$0.00017) Per Kilowatt-Hour. Further, move that Dominion file quarterly updates through April 2021. ORS is requested to report its recommendations for adjustment to the Pension Rider at the end of that 12 month period. The decrease is approximately \$0.48 after application of the Tax Rider approved by Order 2018-804.

PRESIDING: RandallSESSION: RegularTIME: 2:00 p.m.

MOTION YES NO OTHER

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